

Choosing right Company
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Birds of a Feather.

Intro. "Just one Kiss."

B. The desire for society natural.

So strong in man that in the absence of his fellows he will become attached to animals & birds, & even insects.

Count de Sarsan in prison - spider.

Convict removed to solitary confinement.

"Because I'm allowed to speak to no one."

C. Solomon ^{13:20} - "He that walketh with wise men shall be wise, but a companion of fools shall be destroyed."

To help guard you in forming acquaintances, let me I shall endeavor to impress upon you two points -
1st - the danger of evil associations
2ndly - how to avoid them.

I. The Danger of Evil Associations.

1. Difference bet. Character & Reputation.

Rev. Mueller's explanation.

Girls from perfume factory carry with them, wherever they go, the perfume fragrance.

We can't hide what we are.

Young man with hat crooked to one side & his brains on the other in a group of fellows of the basest sort who gamble & drink & tell lewd stories, his life is a problem in the world what

The noblest name in the hall of fame crowned with nothing but unstained reputation & wholesome character

Mix with wise men
and you will be wise
But a companion
of fools will
bring you to grief

412 A man's character is affected by his associates, for we are creatures of imitation.
as "Ruth" said her ma, "why don't you children play somethin', instead of sittin' there & lookin' so miserable."
"We are playing, mother. We're playin' grown-up women makin' a call."

2- Two wires. Strong current thru one - the induced current in other.

In the presence of strong personalities we respond to their influence
- a selfish worldly person
- a noble, pure & holy person.
Jesus' influence on sinful men.

3- One bad boy can corrupt a whole group of good boys.
Walter is ~~required~~ to play with Ralph.
one drop of ink in a glass of water
One scoffer at religion & everything that is decent in life can change a whole group of ~~children~~ ^{people}.
A mother's son taught to pray & read the Bible, can now scoff at his mother's God.

Reverse true - Capt of Penn. football team.

The loyal church-member & true son always leaves his influence felt wherever he is - in home, office or the street.

Never belong to any club or organization in which things are done that must be covered up & kept secret.

3) I. 3. Evil associates lead to ruin of both
body & soul.

1. The first steps in vice are always pleasant
ones.

a - The statue of a beautiful woman in a
hall of fame -

b - dark decays

So evil companions are decoys
Vice-summers are in society everywhere
H.S. dance in S.J.

Gambly-hells have their summers
to catch the innocents with money

In 9 cases out of 10, the secret of
ruin is "bad company".

Eve got into bad company & lost Eden
Sampson got into "..." strength & sight
Peter "..." & denied his Lord.

You can write one sentence over
the grave of every drunkard, on the
wreck of every gambler, on the poor
polluted heart of every harlot, in
the cells of every prison & over
every scaffold - "The work of
evil company".

II. Briefly - a few rules to guard
against choosing the wrong associate
& to help you choose the right kind.

1. Be careful where you find your
associates.

1. Bad men sometimes come to mind.
The young man counting his gold
and young man spent after

4/ 2. Good men are often seen in questionable places, but you can take it for granted that men who are regular in attendance at church, consistent in their social & religious duties, are worthy associates.

You may also conclude that young men who hang around gambling joints, lewd dance halls, who are better acquainted with revelries than with religion, are a very poor stock from which to select associates - Two Irishmen digging a well. Pat "Be sure, Jamie, there is death in that hole!" "~~There is~~ safe now."

If you want to know whether a place is safe for you - put your Mother in ahead of you, put your Bible in ahead of you, put your pastor in ahead of you - & if your Mother & your Bible & your pastor don't look just right in such a place - you better not go in there. "There is death in that hole."

3. Select no person for a constant companion whose character is less reputable than your own.

Jesus mingled with all kinds, but his companions were Peter & James & John. The true idea is to level up, not down.

5) II. 3. a. Young ladies & gentlemen, you cannot afford to offend the moral sense of the people whose good opinion you need! The eyes of the community are turned upon you - & there may be 500 people, saying 2 or 3 times a week what they think of your conduct.

4. Choose no associates whom you would not be willing to introduce to your relations, friends & loved ones.

5. I have to be a Daniel & have backbone enough to say "No" when necessary.

~~the young lady who refused a suitor.~~
~~the young lady who at the marriage altar said no to the consummation of all present.~~

6. Let me recommend to you a ^{true} friend. He is honorable, the son of a king. He is wise, he knows all things. He is mighty, he built the world. He is so pure that his worst enemies could find not fault with him. He is so good that he died for his bitter enemies. Take him to beautify your souls, to adorn your characters, to purify your sentiments, to ~~transform~~ ^{enable} your living to give you victory over death & to give you everlasting light, life & joy.

6.) 7. Make this friend your Pal & imitate his ways.

Jesus was slow to condemn & quick to forgive & help.

Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true. & never repeat it unless absolutely necessary to do so.

"Charity thinketh no evil, much less repeat it."

"If you know of a thing that will ^{grieve} darken the face of a man or woman, or boy, that will wipe out a smile, or the least ray away; or cause any gladness to decay -

It's a pretty good thing plan to forget it."

In conclusion - if you wish to keep your good name from oblivion - do something for God & humanity.

Peter a good fisherman, Paul a good tent-maker - Jesus a good carpenter. But had Peter been a fisherman only, Paul a tentmaker only & Jesus a carpenter only - you never would have never heard of them. If you thus write your names in the Book of Life you will give to the world joy & happiness and add glory to the name of your God.